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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009, in which an election of species requirement was imposed. In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 27-29, 37, 41-42, and 50 are generic. The Examiner also contended that the application contains claims to four patentably distinct species: (I) claims 30, 31, 38, 43, 44, and 51 directed to obtaining control of a second process; (II) claims 32, 33, 45, and 46 directed to setting privilege limits; (III) claims 36, 39, 49, and 52 directed to changing user identifiers; and (IV) claims 34, 35, 40, 47, 48, and 53 directed to determining a type of operation.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, species IV directed to determining a type of operation.

Applicants note that, as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141, if any generic claim is allowed, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

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Therefore, if any of claims 27-29, 37, 41-42, and 50 are allowed, Applicants are entitled to consideration of the species recited in the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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